

REMARKS

Applicant recognizes with appreciation that Examiner indicates that Claims 3 – 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

In this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claims 3 – 4 and 15 – 21, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amended Claims 1 – 2 and 5 – 14. Claims 1, 5 and 14 have been amended to specify different embodiments of the present invention and overcome the rejection. Claims 6 – 13 have been amended to proper dependent form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the amended claims. All claims are now present for examination and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following comments.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

Claims 8 – 13 and 20 have been objected under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because multiple dependent Claims 8 and 9.

It is respectfully submitted that the objection is incorrect. In a preliminary amendment filed on October 23, 2003 together with the present application, Claims 8 and 9 were amended to depend on Claim 1 only and the multiple dependencies were deleted. Therefore the objection has been overcome and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112 SECOND PARAGRAPH:

Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejections have been overcome by this amendment. Claim 14 has been amended to define that said light sources comprise semiconductor die placed on said pads and wire bonds between the die and tracks.

Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1, 2 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as allegedly being anticipated by Shima et al. (US 5,638,391), hereinafter Shima.

Applicant traverses the rejection and respectfully submits that the presently claimed invention is not anticipated by the cited reference. Especially, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 has been amended to include features of Claims 3 and 4, which were deemed as allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, Claim 1 is allowable. In addition, Claims 2 and 14 are also allowable due to their dependency on Claim 1.

Therefore, the newly presented claims are not anticipated by Shima and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) is respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant submitted an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") with certain references on January 14, 2004. In the Office Action, the Examiner has not returned the properly signed PTO Form 1449 and indicated that the references listed therein have been considered.

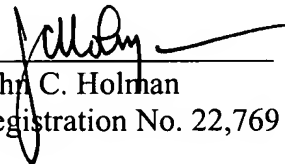
Applicant hereby respectfully requests the Examiner consider these references and properly sign the PTO Form 1449 previously submitted. Enclosed please find a copy of the stamped postcard as the prima facie evidence of submission of the IDS for Examiner's reference.

Having overcome all outstanding grounds of rejection, the application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt action toward that end is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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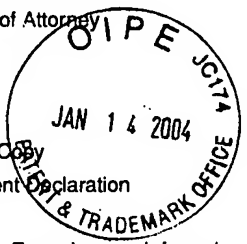
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